

Proposed amendment to Senate Bill 303

SENATE HIGHWAYS

EXHIBIT NO. 2

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BILL NO. SB-303

Option #1

NEW SECTION Inapplicability to government. The provisions of [Section 1] do not apply to the federal government or its agencies, the state of Montana, counties, cities, towns or special districts as defined in 18-8-202.

Option #2

NEW SECTION Inapplicability to government. The provisions of [Section 1] do not apply to the federal government or its agencies, the state of Montana, or entities eligible to display "exempt" license plates in accordance with 61-3-332(6)(b).

Reference statutes:

61-3-332 (6) (b) For motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, or pole trailers that are owned by the **counties, municipalities, and special districts, as defined in 18-8-202**, organized under the laws of Montana and not operating for profit, and that are used and operated by officials and employees in the line of duty and for motor vehicles on loan from the United States government or the state of Montana to, or owned by, the civil air patrol and used and operated by officials and employees in the line of duty, there must be placed on the standard license plates assigned, in a position that the department may designate, the letter "X" or the word "EXEMPT". Distinctive registration numbers for plates assigned to motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, or pole trailers of each of the counties in the state and those of the municipalities and special districts that obtain plates within each county must begin with number one and be numbered consecutively. Because these standard license plates are of a permanent nature, they are subject to replacement by the department only when the physical condition of the license plates requires it and a year number may not be displayed on the plates.

18-8-202 (6) "Special district" means a unit of local government, other than a city, town, or county, authorized by law to perform a single function or a limited number of functions, including but not limited to water districts, irrigation districts, fire districts, school districts, community college districts, hospital districts, sewer districts, and transportation districts.

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